

REMARKS

The Examiner objected to claim 17 for the reasons set forth in paragraph 5. However, since this claim has been cancelled, this objection is no longer applicable.

The Examiner in paragraph 6 also rejected claim 10 under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph for the reasons set forth therein. By this amendment, applicants have amended the claims to set forth that a second unique ID is associated with the capture device used to capture the image and the location or printer used to print the document. It is believed that ample support is provided in the specification and therefore it is respectfully submitted that the objection set forth therein is no longer applicable. Applicants have also amended claim 10 to set forth that the scanning operation obtains both IDs.

Applicants have also amended the claim 10 to specifically set forth that these IDs are reviewed at a remote location with respect to information stored on a database containing said IDs and that the image of the presenter is also sent to the remote location for further comparison with information at the database.

Applicants invention as set forth in claim 10 is directed to a very specific method for verifying that the presenter of an authentication document is the same as the individual associated with the document being presented. In particular, there are a number of different items that are checked. First, there is provided a first indicia that identifies the holder which can be compared with data associated with the database for confirming that the individual is the correct named individual on a document being presented. In addition, the scanning also produces the image that was on the document which can also be compared with the image associated with the ID at the remote location. Claim 10 further includes a second indicia which is invisible under normal viewing conditions which is associated with the capture device and the location or printer where the document was produced. This allows the remote location to verify that the document being presented was indeed produced by the device which the database identifies that actually produced the device. In addition to the scanned image of the presenter of the image on the document is sent to the remote location. The presenter is viewed and again compared with the image of the individual that is associated with the stored first unique ID. Thus, the present invention provides a number of checks and balances which makes it extremely difficult for someone to

simply forge the document by copying or by other means as certain information would not be available to a potential forger. It is respectfully submitted that the prior art does not teach or suggest the invention as currently set forth and claimed by applicants.

The Examiner in the Official Action rejected claims 10 and 11 under 35 USC § 103(a) over the combination of Rhoads, and Zdybel et al. for the reasons set forth in paragraph 8.

Applicants respectfully submits that the invention as currently set forth in claim 10 is not taught or suggested by either of these references either individually or in combination as suggested by the Examiner. There is nothing in either of the references that teach or suggest sending of the scanned images to a database for comparison as taught and claimed by applicants capturing the image of the presenter and also comparing that at the remote database.

The Rhoads patent is directed to a specific identification card and reading information thereon. The Zdybel et al. reference discloses a document having certain information that can be used to assist individuals later on in understanding how the images were produced. Neither of the cited references teach the combination of the various claimed elements for verifying the presenter as taught and claimed by applicants. Thus, applicants respectfully submits that these claims would not be taught or suggested.

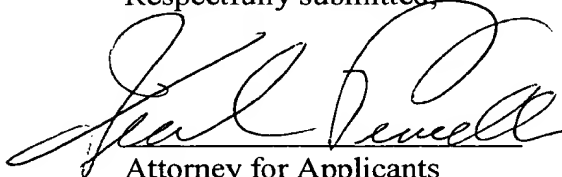
The Examiner also rejected claim 12 in the prior application under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Rhoads and Zdybel et al. further in view of Cadorette, Jr. et al., for the reasons set forth in paragraph 9. The Cadorette, Jr. et al. reference is directed to comparison use in algorithms for comparing images captured by a camera that are filed. There is no teaching or suggestion of providing the various IDs in combination with the verification process as taught and claimed by applicants.

Since the remaining claims have been cancelled, the further rejections set forth in the Official Action are no longer applicable.

The summary of the invention has been amended to correspond to the independent claims as amended herein.

In view of the foregoing applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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